

St James's, June 1.

THE following Address of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, having been transmitted to the Earl of Shelburne, one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, by the Earl of Dalhousie, his Majesty's High Commissioner, has been presented to the King: Which address his Majesty was pleased to receive very graciously.

May it please your Majesty,

WE, your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Ministers and Elders of the Church of Scotland, met in National Assembly, beg leave to embrace this first opportunity of approaching the Throne with our respectful congratulations upon the success with which it hath pleased Almighty God to crown your Majesty's arms.

Convinced that we owe our existence and protection, as a National Church, to the stability of that government under which we live, we take a warm interest in the train of striking events, which, in the course of Divine Providence, we have been called to behold; and it is our constant study to cherish and diffuse sentiments of loyalty amongst the people with whom we are connected. With the heart-felt satisfaction natural to subjects of a free state, we have heard of the important advantages lately gained by your Majesty's arms in Europe, in Asia, and in America. We admire the gallantry and good conduct displayed by the commanders employed in your Majesty's service both at home and abroad; by which the designs of your combined enemies, against some of our most valuable settlements, have been in a great measure defeated. Relying upon the wisdom and vigour of your Majesty's Councils, we look forward with the most pleasing hopes to the salutary consequences of the glorious victory obtained in the West Indies; and we lift our souls in devout and thankful acknowledgments to the Lord of Hosts.

That the blessing of Heaven may continue to attend your Majesty's Councils; that your enemies, feeling in every quarter of the globe, the force of the British arms, may be disposed to listen to reasonable terms of accommodation; that he who rules in the kingdoms of men, who gives the sword as charge, and who alone can command it to return to its scabbard, may enable your Majesty speedily to accomplish the paternal wish of your Royal breast, by restoring to your people the blessings of an honourable and lasting peace; that you may long sway the sceptre over a united, grateful, and happy people; and that the Crown may descend with undiminished splendour, through your illustrious family, to latest generations, are the daily and earnest prayers of,

May it please your Majesty,

Your Majesty's most faithful, most obedient,

and most loyal subjects,

The Ministers and Elders met in this National

Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

Signed in our name, in our presence, and at our appointment, by **JOSIAH MCCORMICK**, Moderator.

Edinburgh, May 25, 1782.

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The King has been pleased to constitute and appoint George James Cholmondeley, Esq; to be one of the Commissioners for his Majesty's revenue of Excise in the room of Heneage Legge, Esq;

Also to constitute and appoint John Byng, Esq; to be one of the Commissioners for his Majesty's Stamp duties, in the room of George James Cholmondeley, Esq;

Whitehall, June 1.

Extract of a letter from Major-General Meadows, dated Bombay, January 7, 1782, received at the office of the Earl of Shelburne, one of his Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, May 30.

AS Governor Hornby acquaints me that he shall have an opportunity of dispatching a letter by hand to-morrow, I have just time to inform your Lordship of our arrival at this place on the 4th with the Monmouth, Hero, and his men of war, and about 300 of the 98th regiment, both the troops and seamen in the highest health and spirits, and eager as their officers to be employed. The Mamilia armed transport is come in since, and the rest, as we left them about four weeks ago in Morchat Bay, from whence I had the honour to send your Lordship dispatches by Major Rooke, who was to return by Alexandria, we expect and hope for every day.

Extract of letters from William Hornby, Esq; dated Bombay, the 27th and 31st of January, and received at Buford, March 15, 1782.

SINCE my last to you a few days past, I have to acquaint you, that all the armed ships, storeships and transports, except one or two of the latter arrived, and will fall the 30th, for the Coromandel coast. The Latham, Osterley, Locke, and Asia Indianmen, and one transport, got to Mocha, where they arrived the 4th or 5th of December; they were part of the convoy with Captain Alms, and parted company with him on the coast of Arabia.

The 26th instant I wrote you by a Dingy bound to Muscat, informing you that the troops which I sent to reinforce Tellicherry arrived safe, and landed the 30th ult. and Major Abingdon, with those and a part of their former garrison, marched out from the Braf Pagoda the 8th instant, at four A.M. across the Barty grounds to the eastward; and passed two of the enemy's advanced posts or pickets, and got round to the eastward of Great Putney hill, between that and Ponnolla Media. The advanced party under Captain Whippley immediately attacked, stormed and took the former, without the loss of a man on our side: The main body immediately pushed for the camp of the enemy, and came upon them just at break of day, whom they fell on, and immediately put to the rout; when they followed them to the southward as far as Currachoe, a small fort about one mile to the northward of Mille river; this post they presently carried, and turned its guns upon the enemy, who were making the best of their way towards the river. Suddos Cawn, who made this post his head quarters, quitted and got to a fortified house, and enclosed within walls, cut out of a hill, where he, with several of his people, made an obstinate defence; but at last the roof of the house was set on fire, which obliged them to quit it, when many were killed endeavouring to make their escape. Suddos Cawn had secured himself in part of the enclosure, which was bomb proof, cut into the hill, where he and his family were found; himself had been wounded by a musket ball in the ankle, and was not able to move. They were all immediately seized, and sent in prisoners to Tellicherry, with about 1500 prisoners, which had been made during the morning. There was about 400 of the enemy killed and drowned. On our side there was not above 100 killed and wounded.

only one of our officers hurt, which was Lieutenant Woodington. We took six brass field pieces, about fifty iron cannon, and four mortars, thirteen elephants, and a large quantity of shot, powder, stores, &c. in their redoubts and batteries.

The same evening, about seven o'clock, Lieutenant Hodges was sent with a strong detachment against Fort George, which the enemy getting intelligence of, they evacuated the fort, and he took quiet possession of it. About two o'clock in the morning a body was sent over and took possession of Mille; and another party, under Captain Whippley, went over and took possession of Durmaparum, which island they found deserted by the enemy. In short, there is not a man of Hyder's left between Cotta Point five leagues to the southward, and to the northward as far as Cannanore. This was a very complete business.

All the vessels that were expected to arrive here by Captain Alms have arrived; the Nancy tender was the last, and the arrived yesterday morning. All the rest, except the Porpoise storeship, Elizabeth, Eagle snow, and Nancy transports, have all sailed to join the Squadron. The Latham, Osterley, and Locke Indianmen, with the Content transport, are said to have arrived at Mocha the 4th ult.

War Office, May 29, 1782.

17th Regiment of foot, Major-General George Morrison is appointed to be Colonel, vice Robert Monckton.

25th Regiment of foot, Colonel Thomas Earl of Lincoln, of 1st foot guards, to be Colonel, vice George Morrison.

Lieutenant-General Henry Earl of Pembroke to be Governor of Portsmouth, vice Robert Monckton.

10th Regiment of dragoons, Captain William Newton to be Major, vice George Leathes. Lieutenant Hon. Frederick Lumley to be Captain of a troop, vice William Newton. Cornet Hon. William Mordaunt Maitland to be Lieutenant, vice Hon. Frederick Lumley. Geo. Sturt, Gent. to be Cornet, vice Hon. William Mordaunt Maitland.

11th Regiment of dragoons, Surgeon John Mallet, of 45th foot, to be Surgeon, vice Philip Grefley.

45th Regiment of foot, Hospital Mate William Hatcher to be Surgeon, vice John Mallet.

Captain Thomas Welch, of 17th foot, to be Major of Brigade for the forces.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, May 31.

The Molly, Harris, from Falmouth to Cork, was taken and retaken by the Viper loop of war, and brought into Waterford.

The Union, Johnson, from Falmouth to Dover, foundered off Dungeness, in a violent storm, the 21st instant; the people saved.

The Industry, Dubig, from Cork for Quebec, is put into Limerick in distress, having split her hull in a storm.

The Favourite, Beller, Howe, from St. John's East Florida, to London, is taken and carried into France.

The Lightning privateer of Liverpool has taken and carried into Lisbon the Marie Antonette, laden with sugar, coffee, &c. from Martinico to Marilles.

The Seven Brothers, Dawson, and another vessel, said to be the Dolphin, Thompson, from Carolina, arrived at Kinsale the 20th inst.

The Dutch ship of war, and about 40 others, were off the Old Head; but from a violent gale of wind at ESE, they were not able to fetch the harbour, and it is supposed must go to some western port.

The Hanover packet boat, Captain Todd, arrived at Lisbon on the 6th inst. after a passage of eleven days.

The following ships are taken by his Majesty's cruizers, and carried into New York, viz.

The Caesar of 26 guns, for the West Indies, and the Adventure of 20 guns, for Surinam, both from Bolton.

The General Green, laden with 1500 barrels of flour, and the Charming Nancy, with 1200 ditto of ditto.

A letter of marque with West India produce.

The Hope, from Cadiz to Bolton, with fruit, &c.

The Free Trade, from Bolton to Granada.

The John of 10 guns, from Philadelphia to St. Kitts, with flour.

A ship of 22 guns, from Newbury to Philadelphia, and a brigantine from Bolton to the Chesapeake.

The Mary, Wilkie, arrived at Bristol, sailed from Tortola the 18th of April, and brings an account of the loss of the Santa Monica frigate.

Downs, 30. Just put back the Crocodile, with the outward bound, which sailed the 28th instant.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Friday, May 31.

Colonel Norton moved that an humble address be presented to his Majesty, praying a promotion in the Church of a Chaplain to the late Speaker.

Mr. Wilkes moved the motion, and said, that he had no objection to the intention of the motion, and did not rise to oppose it, but to state to the House a doubt on the propriety of the mode adopted. He said, he very well knew the merits of the gentleman intended to be served, and was particularly well acquainted with his great attention in performing the duties of divine service.

Mr. Attorney General rose to object, as he said, to the whole of the bill lately brought into the House, (by Mr. Coke, of Norfolk) for the better preservation of the game. One clause in particular, he said, was highly exceptionable. It went to give authority to bailiffs, and some other descriptions of men, to take into custody all persons; who before sun rise, or after sun set, should appear on the King's high roads; or on paths ways, with unlawful weapons or clubs. He expressed the highest opinion of the integrity, independence, liberality, and humanity of the Committee, who prepared this bill; it intended, he said, to prevent the effusion of blood; but he feared, that its principle was such, that it became a statute, it would produce a contrary effect.

A more debasing law of slavery, he thought, could not be found in the code of any civilized nation, and it should pass into a law, would, in his opinion, be disgraceful to the justice and the constitution of the country, both on account of the authority which it created, and the immorality which it ordained. He could not, he declared, understand what the bill meant by the term unlawful arms; men carried arms lawfully for the purpose of defending themselves, by repelling any unlawful attack, which might be made upon their persons; but this bill prevented men, not having a certain yearly income of one hundred pounds, not only from carrying arms, but from carrying sticks, which came in under the word clubs; so that a poor man was precluded from going out to his work, in the morning, or returning home from his work in the evening, with a stick to rest upon, or a cane to defend himself, at the risk of being taken into custody, and being ruined by a prosecution.

Mr. Wilkes, in a few words, declared he approved of the bill.

Mr. Mowbray argued in favour of the principle of the bill, and said he should have no objection to changing the exceptionable clause.

Mr. Charles Turner, in a glow of zeal, congratulated the House on his Majesty's having appointed an Attorney General of ability and humanity, and while regard to the freedom of the people appeared so evident as in the present instance, the people, he said, had at last found a friend to their rights and interests in the law officer of the Crown. He then reprobated the principle of the bill, and the whole system of game laws, as being contrary to the laws of nature, and introductory of slavery and national weakness, by depriving the people of the share of food which Providence sent as a common blessing to mankind, and by diminishing the lower ranks of the community.

Mr. Martin gave his opinion against the bill, arguing from principles similar to those laid down by Mr. Charles Turner.

Mr. Coke acknowledged, that what had been said by the learned Lord had made a very deep impression upon his mind, and therefore, with the consent of the House, he would withdraw the bill.

The House conferring, the bill was withdrawn. The orders of the day were now called for, and being read, appeared to be, that the House go into a Committee on Ways and Means, and like wise into a Committee of Supply.

These orders were, on motion, adjourned till Monday next.

Mr. C. O. S. M. L. I. T. A.

Sir Philip Jennings, Clerk, objected to the bill for granting a national

militia to Scotland. He argued, that as the strength of the nation was in the navy, and the safety of the nation depended on the navy, it would be at this crisis a wiser policy to increase the navy, and diminish the land forces.

Lord Melton declared that bill should have his most hearty support; militia was the most constitutional protection; and as he considered England and Scotland one island, and one people, he knew of no reason that could possibly be given to them why Scotland was not entitled to a militia, as well as England. He said, he despised partiality and national distinctions, and he wished they were banished from one end of the kingdom to the other.

The Marquis of Graham supported the bill in a short, elegant speech, pointing out a militia as being necessary, at this instant, to the safety of Scotland.

Sir Charles Turner declared his disapprobation of all militias; if necessity called for an augmentation of land forces, why not add to the army? but the militia, he said, was neither composed of soldiers nor sailors.

The Commander in Chief thought it would be proper to introduce a clause, enabling his Majesty to recruit his army from the Scots militia.

The Lord Advocate objected to this; he said it would reduce the gentleness of Scotland to recruiting ferocious.

Mr. Dempster thought the situation of the kingdom to be such, that the House should produce every possible exertion, for immediately raising both men and money.

Mr. Hume said a few words, after which the bill was read a second time.

Commodore Joubert requested the chair would explain to him a difficulty, which he was not himself able to solve. He understood from the Gazette, that his Majesty had been pleased to raise Sir George Rodney to the dignity of a Baron; he wanted to know therefore, whether Sir George's seat in the House of Commons might now be considered as vacant. Another question that arose in his mind upon this head was—Whether the King had a right to make any man a Peer without his own consent, or against his will? If it should be answered by the Gentlemen of the Long Robe, that there is such a power in the Crown, he would acquiesce; but at the same time must say, that such a power was big with mischief to this country: He begged to suppose a case, if the King had been pleased to call a certain gentleman in his eye (Mr. Fox) to the House of Peers, about eight weeks ago, the late revolution in the Ministry would, in all probability, never have taken place. Such a power in the Crown, might be used to the very worst of purposes: A minister might sid himself every formidable opponent in that House by forcing a Peerage on him; say, it might be employed to the most iniquitous purposes; as, in a case, like that of Mrs. Shebbeare, where, if a woman was restrained by will from marrying a Peer, a Minister, in order to prevent her marrying a Commoner, whom she liked, should make that Commoner a Peer. But there was another case, in which it might also be an instrument of the most flagrant injustice: There was then on the table a report from a private Committee, replete with charges against the Admiral; now, his being called up to the House of Peers would deprive him of the privilege of defending himself in that House where the charge originated. He did not mean to insinuate, that his Majesty's ministers had any such object in view; he mentioned it only as a possible case; and therefore wished to know, what was the law upon the subject? If the law allowed such a power, he should then consider Sir George Rodney as a Peer, and move for a writ for the city of Westminster.

Mr. Fox said, he should have been wanting to his constituents, if he had not turned his thoughts already to that subject: He had spoken to many gentlemen of the long robe, whose general opinion was, that the King had the power to make a man a peer, even against his will; but that in such a case, the Crown must do it by writ. The case seemed to be different, when the peerage is conferred by patent; as it depends upon the person who is the object of the peerage granted, whether he will take the patent or not. As it was not proper, however, that so great a city as Westminster should remain without its full representation; if he could hear, from any authority, that Sir George Rodney would accept the peerage, he would, upon that authority, move the House for a new writ for Westminster; and when he should get such authority, he would make the motion in a full House, that the House might judge whether the authority was sufficient.

The Speaker said, that the distinction between the writ and the patent did not immediately strike him, though perhaps it might be right. As to the case immediately before the House, he must say, that the King's pleasure in all matters of patent is never irreversibly known till it has passed the Great Seal; every favour granted by the Crown may be revoked or cancelled in any stage, prior to that of passing the Great Seal; and therefore it might be insisted, that a man could not be irreversibly a peer, before his patent had passed the Great Seal. Indeed, in the wording of the motion for a new writ for a member to serve in Parliament, in the room of some one who becomes a peer, he is always supposed to have received a summons or writ; the motion always stating him to have been called to the House of Peers.

Commodore Joubert did not seem satisfied with these different explanations; but added, that he would let the House have time to consider the matter, before he should make any motion on the subject. The House then went into a Committee of supply, and having voted a few furs, adjourned.

From the London Papers, June 1.

L O N D O N.

Yesterday dispatches were received at the Admiralty, brought by a letter from Admiral Lord Viscount Howe. They state, that the Dutch fleet, consisting of thirteen sail of the line, remain still in the Texel, and do not indicate the smallest disposition for coming out. He continues to keep a constant look out after them, and will preserve his position there, till he receives further directions from their Lordships.

Dispatches were also yesterday received from Admiral Kempenfelt, who informed their Lordships, that he had returned his old station off Brest, and that the Admiral remained perfectly quiet in harbour. He had been informed, however, by his reconnoitering frigates, that the French were in greater number than the private information had represented them; and he therefore requests their Lordships to send him an augmentation of two sail of the line, as a reinforcement to his Squadron. This request has been complied with, and orders have been sent to Plymouth for immediately dispatching the additional frigates.

According to the accounts received by this day's Dutch mail, the states of Zealand, and some others of the provinces, have come to a resolution of rejecting all overtures of a separate peace with England. The French likewise, we are told, are coming to a similar resolution; and the most active measures are taking to preserve Spain in a determination to the like effect. To encourage all sides in this, it is pretended, that America not only joins them in their resolves, but has even agreed to spread the flames wider, by having already declared war against Portugal. Dr. Franklin, however, we are assured, being spoke to on the last mentioned head, declared that he knew nothing of it; and that he thought it besides extremely improbable, that now, when America sees herself on the point of enjoying some repose, she should think of engaging in new troubles.

The French ship that was sunk received her last fatal broadside from the Formidable, which Sir Charles Douglas, in his private letter, says, was so regular a one, that the three tier of guns made but one platoon report; the effect of this on the enemy's ship was such, that Sir Charles exclaimed—"By God, she goes down with the next broadside." But he had no sooner said these words than the sunk, and not a soul on board was saved.

Patents are, we hear, preparing to pass the Great Seal for the following creations:—Earl of Shelburne and Lord Townshend to be Marquises; Lord Camden an Earl, and Lord George Sneyton, and Lord George Cavendish, Viscounts.

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EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, May 27.

This day, the Lords heard Council on the appeal of Charles Le Grand, Esq; of Bonnytown, in the process of divorce brought before the Commissaries of Edinburgh, at the instance of Mrs Maria Stewart his wife, against him, when the Lordships were pleased to affirm the interlocutors of the Commissaries, and of Lord Kennet Ordinary on the Bills appealed from. Council for the appellant, Mr Harding and Mr McKine, Mr Chalmers Solicitor: For the respondent, Mr Rae and Mr Macdonald, Mr Spottiswood Solicitor.

Yesterday being the anniversary of his Majesty's birth-day, when he entered into the 45th year of his age, was observed with the utmost demonstrations of joy. In the morning, the flag from the Castle was displayed. At noon, the great guns were fired, which was returned by the South Fencibles drawn up on the Castle-hill; and several rounds of the New Battery at Leith were fired. At the same time the music-bells were set a-ringing. In the afternoon, the Lord Provost, Magistrates, and Council, attended by a number of Noblemen and Gentlemen of distinction, with the Officers of the army, and the Trained Bands, assembled in the Parliament House, where they drank his Majesty's health, with a variety of other loyal toasts, under repeated flourishes of trumpets, and volleys of small arms from the City Guard, drawn up in the Parliament Close. After which the great bells were set a-ringing, and the evening concluded with a brilliant assembly.

At one o'clock, the Edinburgh Dragoon Band marched, in complete uniform, to Heriot's Green, where, after receiving the Lord Provost and his Colonel, with the proper honours, they paid the same compliments to his Grace the Duke of Buccleugh, who was so obliging as to attend in character of their reviewing General. The Band then went through their whole manoeuvres, firings, and evolutions, to the great satisfaction of the Duke, the Lord Provost, as well as of a numerous and brilliant company assembled on the occasion. The command was spiritedly given by the Major for the time; and the word for the three last volleys by Mr Crosbie, their Lieutenant Colonel. The whole concluded with three cheers, in honour of the day. The Lord Provost, upon this occasion, appeared dressed in complete uniform, and was very splendidly attended by a numerous file of fine Ladies, several of the Nobility, Clergy, Lawyers, and Officers of the Army. The Band afterwards dined together, Mr Crosbie in the chair, who acquitted himself, in that character, with those abilities for which he is so eminently distinguished in every capacity. After dinner, a great variety of loyal and constitutional toasts were drunk. In the interval between the toasts, several songs were capitally sung by Mr Hallion, Mr Marshall, and other Gentlemen of the Band, as well as by some Gentlemen who were invited to partake of the entertainment. Several favourite airs were also admirably performed by the Band of Music, particularly two Songs, on the violoncello, by Mr Reinagle, which gave great and universal satisfaction. In short, nothing could exceed the mirth and harmony which prevailed during the whole evening. The Reverend Mr John Todd being one of the gentlemen invited, a motion was made by a member, that he should be appointed Chaplain to the Band, which meeting with the approbation of the whole Company, he was accordingly chosen, and, in a short speech, very politely thanked the Corps for the honour they had conferred upon him.

On Monday last, was married here, Neil Ferguson, Esq; Advocate, to Mrs Treat, daughter of Sir George Colquhoun, Baronet.

Duncan Campbell, Esq; surgeon at Fort-Malbro, in the East Indies, died there lately. His friends will please accept of this notification.

On Monday last died here, Mr John Humble plumber.

We are authorized to insert the following paragraph:

Our readers may remember a cause of very general importance to the liberty of the subject, which was decided in the Court of Session last winter. — Charles Mercer, of Lethendy, Esq; chief of his name, had a favourite and well-approved servant called John Duff, who (as was alleged, from private pique against his master) was adjudged to be a soldier by Mr Mercer of Aldie, Mr Smyth of Balhary, and others, Justices of Peace of Perthshire, to the number of nine, and was actually dragged to America. It being considered, that this sentence of adjudication was at once an insult to Charles Mercer, Esq; for he attested his servant's good character, and a cruel injury to the servant, an action was brought, concluding for 50 l. sterling of damages from each of the Justices, and costs of suit; claims which were not thought too high, as one Midlex Justice had been condemned in 100 l. sterling for only imprisoning a porter in London, under the pretext of this same adjudging act. The Court of Session declared the sentence to be arbitrary and oppressive, but found no damages at all due to Mr Mercer, and only 40 l. sterling from the whole Bench of Justices due to John Duff; while, at the same time, the account of expenses really and truly laid out in a long litigation, was curtailed upwards of 30 l. During the present vacation, it was expected that the Justices would have voluntarily paid a handsome indemnification; but this has not been the case; and information has been received, that poor John Duff is dead of the wounds which he received fighting under Lord Cornwallis. The cause, therefore, is to be carried by appeal to the House of Lords, by Charles Mercer, Esq; and John Duff's nearest kin; and the event of it is now the more interesting, both from the melancholy circumstance that the unhappy young man has lost his life; and that although the adjudication act should not be renewed, the impress act for the navy still continues in force, and a militia act may soon be passed; so that it is of the utmost consequence to have the liberty of the subject as fully ascertained on the north as on the south side of the Tweed.

On the 23d current was sold in the fish-market of Aberdeen an overgrown haddock; it measured from the point of the nose to the tip of the tail 33 inches, round the thickest of the body 20 inches, and weighed 9 lb. Troy weight.

We hear from Linlithgow, that, on the anniversary of his Majesty's birth, at a stated meeting of the county, the Earl of Buchan being Preses, it was resolved to address his Majesty on the late glorious victory obtained in the West Indies, and on the appearance of national affairs, both at home and abroad. Afterwards there was a loyal meeting of the County and Gentlemen to drink his Majesty's health, with the Provost and Magistrates of the burgh, at the cross.

Perth, June 4. 1782. This being the anniversary of his Majesty's Birth-day, the same was celebrated in the usual manner. The bells were set a-ringing at mid-day. The Magistrates and Town Council, with a number of other Gentle-

men, went in the evening to the Town-house, where his Majesty's health, and many other loyal toasts were drunk; and the day was concluded with every other demonstration of joy.

The Mary, Chiffle, is arrived at Leith from Guernsey, with wine, &c.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, May 28.

This evening, in the House of Commons, Mr Bagenal's motion for granting the sum of 30,000 l. to purchase an estate and build a mansion for Henry Grattan, Esq; the deliverer of his country, was carried unanimously. A motion was afterwards proposed by A. Montgomery, Esq; of Down, for re-instating the Right Honourable H. Flood in the office of one of the Vice-Treasurers of Ireland, in place of Sir George Yonge, but withdrawn for the present. It was seconded by Mr Walsh.

DISSENT entered by the Rev. Mr Porteous of Glasgow, the Hon. Mr Henry Erskine, Mr Andrew Christie, Rev. Dr John Erskine of Edinburgh, and all those who may adhere to them, on the vote being carried in favour of the first Address moved for in the General Assembly Saturday last, in preference to the second Address moved for and supported by these Gentlemen and others:

Primo, BECAUSE the supporters of the first address, as it is denominated in the state of the vote, have conducted the whole of their operations in a most irregular manner, and with an evident view to avail themselves of a groundless objection in point of form; in order to quash an address which they were unwilling to combat upon its merits. For, when the Rev. Mr Porteous had moved, "That a Committee should be appointed to draw up a humble address to his Majesty, on the present state of public affairs," which motion was regularly seconded—a proposal was then made. That the drawing up of the address should be remitted to the Committee that had been appointed to answer the King's letter; and this proposal having been agreed to, Mr Porteous was added to the Committee, of which he had not been an original member. In an after speech, an attempt was made to sidetrack the motion, by representing it as only respecting the late victories obtained by his Majesty's arms; and a minute was made out by the Clerk upon this idea, confining the remit to the Committee accordingly. When this minute was read out by the Clerk, it was immediately objected to by Mr Porteous, and those who had seconded and supported him; and, after some time spent in debate, the original motion was entered on record. The Committee having met in the evening, Mr Porteous produced a draught of an address, which the Committee refused to take under their consideration, alleging that it had been usual to submit addresses, though no power of submission is given to the Committee. The Moderator and Mr Porteous were then appointed a sub-committee, who next day reported that they had met, and discussed in their sentiments, and that each had prepared a separate draught of an address, which were presented and read; and a motion being made, that both should be transmitted to the Committee of Ordinances, it was insisted on, that the sanction of the Committee should be given to one or other of them; and a vote being called, it carried, by a majority of the Committee, that the address presented by the Moderator should be received as the address approved of by the Committee, and the other returned to Mr Porteous, to be afterwards used as he should think fit. The report of the Committee being made in the Committee of Ordinances, Mr Porteous produced and read his draught of an address also; and the Committee of Ordinances transmitted to the Assembly both addresses, the one as the report of the Committee appointed to prepare the address, and the other as the address of Mr Porteous. Nevertheless, one great argument used in favour of what is called, in the state of the vote, the first address, was, That it was an address that came regularly before the Assembly, through the Channel of the Committee appointed by them; whereas the other was only the work of a private man, as if the Assembly were obliged to adopt every erroneous and defective opinion of a Committee, without allowing its errors or defects to be corrected, on the motion of an individual member of Assembly properly seconded.

Secundo, We cannot but express our highest disapprobation of another argument employed in favour of the first address, and against the second, viz. That it is inconsistent with the constitution of this Venerable Assembly, and contrary to practice, to address the Throne on events of a political nature; in which the Church is not immediately concerned. We hold it to be one of the many valuable privileges which we enjoy as citizens of this free country, that every body of men, whether civil or ecclesiastical, are entitled to approach the Throne with their sentiments on every subject, in which they consider the interest of the nation to be concerned: And although we should indeed think it unbefitting the Assembly of this national Church to use this privilege, by presuming either to advise the Crown to any particular measures, or to remonstrate against them, where the interest of the Church does not interfere; yet, when measures have already been taken, which, in our apprehension, are of the deepest importance to the common welfare, we consider it not only as our right, but as our bounden duty, in common with our fellow-citizens, to testify, by loyal and dutiful addresses, the satisfaction we feel, and thus to strengthen, as much as lies in our power, the hands of Government in the important work. But further, though doubts might have been entertained otherwise of the propriety of addressing on the present occasion, they are fully removed by the frequent practice of this Venerable Assembly, of not only addressing his Majesty in approbation of public measures, totally unconnected with ecclesiastical affairs, but expressing their confidence in his Majesty's servants employed in carrying these measures into execution; of which practice, the remarkable address from the Assembly 1762, the federal address on the American war, and, lastly, the address of 1781, on the commencement of hostilities with Holland, which, in express terms, approves of the rupture with that nation, are striking instances.

Tertio, Because, however gratefully we acknowledge the signal and reasonable interposition of Divine Providence in favour of his Majesty's arms, and however cordially we join in congratulating his Majesty thereupon, yet, in addressing the throne on the present state of public affairs, we cannot confine ourselves to this single event, and pass over in silence other events which we esteem as greatly more important than the most brilliant victory achieved by the sword. We have seen within the space of a very few years, this once flourishing country involved in war with her own colonies. We have seen those colonies, by the assistance of the three greatest maritime powers in Europe, separated from the empire. We have seen some of our most valuable islands conquered, our armies captured, and the British fleet no longer ride triumphant on the ocean. In this dreadful and alarming situation of public affairs, we have seen our most gracious Sovereign, in compliance with the wishes of his people, signified to him in the most constitutional manner by their representatives in Parliament, take into his immediate service men of the highest abilities, and possessing the confidence of the people. We have seen his Majesty, during the short period which has since elapsed, adopting the most prudent means for removing public distress, averting impending danger, and restoring the prosperity of the empire; from which we cannot but hope, that, by Divine blessing, the dark clouds that long hung over us will soon be dispersed, the dignity of the Crown maintained, the true happiness of the people secured, and the calamities of war be succeeded by the comforts of peace, and the blessings of good government. Under these impressions we cannot help considering an address on the state of public affairs, in which no notice is taken of these great and important events, as inconsistent with the very nature of such an address, and the express terms of the remit to the Committee. Nor can we view the refusal of the Assembly to adopt another address, in which suitable expressions of our satisfaction in the means thus used, and the measures thus taken, for such valuable ends and purposes, but as a tacit disapprobation thereof, with which we hold it inconsistent with our duty to our Sovereign and our country even in appearance to concur. We farther insist, that the above expressions, which were the only ground of objection to the address in support of which we contended, contain a proper constitutional idea, fit to be conveyed to the Royal ear by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland; the members of which, as Presbyterians, and as holding the most sacred and civil rights under the sanction established at the glorious Revolution, and at the settlement of the Crown on the illustrious house of Hanover, cannot, with propriety, express a doubt, that the voice of the people ought to have its full weight in the government of the British empire; and that that voice is legally and constitutionally expressed by the representatives of the people in Parliament assembled.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

Speech intended to have been delivered in the General Assembly, upon the motion for an Address to his Majesty.

MODERATOR.

WHEN we introduce secular matters into an address from this House, I know of no limitation over the subject, except such as are dictated by common sense and propriety. Addresses are a legal means of expressing our sentiments upon subjects that are important and interesting. During a wretched Administration of sixteen years, the French fleet was shamefully allowed to recover from a state of non-existence; and at this very hour, the nation looks with horror at the prospect before her eyes. Nothing but infatuation, on the part of Dr Grasse, prevented his junction with the Spaniards. If this measure had been pursued, Jamaica was gone; neither would there have remained to us a place in that quarter we could have called our own. Rodney's glorious victory I consider as an interposition of Divine Providence in our favour. It is our duty, both as a Court and as individuals, to be grateful to Almighty God for the respite we have got. Let us, at the same time, however, remember the command of rendering unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's.

The King has been pleased to dismiss his servants for misconduct. Impotent, blustering, and improvident, their system and execution were alike erroneous. The King has been pleased to call into his service men of a very different complexion. Peace with Holland, peace with America, rigid economy, in order to bring forth every possible exertion against France; such are the declared principles of the present system. It is by such means only, under God, that we can be saved.

Most grateful thanks are due to the King for the late change of men and of measures; and therefore I move that it shall stand as part of our address:

Edin. May 29.

N E R V A.

To the Publisher of the Caledonian Mercury.

S I R, WE are not the people of this country so outrageous against the grievance of patronage, I think I could suggest to them grievances which more immediately concern them. I am a traveller, Sir, and I speak as I feel, and as I know. I hope other travellers will do the same. Spiritual concerns are all a Scotman's care; at least, from the frequent parochial meetings of the country, it would appear so. Were these duped misguided people to meet occasionally, and give in a true state of the public roads of their respective parishes, their patrons would perhaps give them more credit for what they say. I am sure I should. I am of those, Sir, who have frequented the Carlisle road by Moffat these many years, but never before saw it in such a deplorable situation. This whole winter it has been in many places impassable. For four or five miles above Beild, the water from the hills (which one labouring man in half a day could effectually prevent) centers all in the middle of the road, and your horse wades all that way to the knees. At Broughton-bridge, there is a piece of road new formed indeed; God knows when it will be finished. Blyth-bridge, which was broken down by the violence of the current three or four months ago, is yet unrepaired. Over Linroath water, and several others which I cannot name, there are no bridges at all. These, Sir, I call grievances; and I call upon the wisest or tamest man in the parish to prove the contrary: and yet, except in very extraordinary cases, a plank of eighteen feet by five would be a great measure remedy them. There is also another grievance which I would beg leave to mention. The labels which stand in several places where the road divides, and which were no doubt legible when first erected, are now totally obliterated. If the people of Scotland would petition Parliament for a redress of such grievances as these, they should meet my hearty concurrence. In the mean time,

I am, S I R,

Your most humble Servant,

A TRAVELLER.

Edinburgh, June 5. 1782.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

On the memorable 12th of April 1782.

Extempore, by a YOUNG LARV.

WHILE you rejoiced for Rodney's great success, Which saves our Indian Isles from dire distress, To shed a pitying tear do not refrain, For BLAIR, for BAYNE, and MANNERS, that are slain! Their valiant deeds shall British annals swell, Like Britons brave they fought—like Britons fell. A CONSTANT READER'S favour shall find a place first opportunity.

SOUND SHIPPING.

PASSED THE SOUND, May 19. Concord, Whitehead, of and from Leith, for Copenhagen, with equal and bottles. 21. Friendship, Grindley, of and from Bonnet, for Memel, ballast. Sealock Packet, Simpson, of and from Carron, to Petersburg, of cargo. Diligence, Comb, of and from Bonnet, for Dantzic, with coals, ballast. ELGINORE, May 21. 1782.—Wind N. N. W. WALTER WOOD, T. & M.

LOST OR MISLAIN,

A ROUND GOLD AND WHITE ENAMELLED STRIPPED SNUFF-BOX. Any person who has found it, and will return it to Prince's Street Coffee-house, or to the Publisher, shall be handsomely rewarded. It is hoped goldsmiths, merchants, and others, will stop the above, if offered for sale.

WANTED IN DUNDEE.

A PERSON properly qualified in playing BALL MUSIC on the VIOLIN. He must bring sufficient testimonials of his honesty and sobriety. Any person answering the above description, will meet with good encouragement. For particulars, apply to Mr John Macdonald teacher of dancing in Dundee. Not to be repeated.

Edinburgh and Leith Stage Coaches.

WHEREAS information has been given against the Drivers of the Edinburgh Stage Coaches plying betwixt Edinburgh and Leith, of their frequently admitting passengers into the coaches without tickets, which they do not account for to the proprietors:—In order to remedy this and other impositions, a reward is hereby offered of Ten Shillings Sterling to whoever will inform of their taking in any person without a ticket, and who will be paid on conviction of the offender, by applying to the proprietors at Edinburgh:—and to accommodate the public who reside betwixt Edinburgh and Leith, the proprietors have lodged a number of road-tickets at their different offices, which will admit passengers at any hour or half hour, when the coaches are not full. N. B. It is intimated the holders of the tickets will please deliver them to the coachman when admitted into the carriage.

ORKNEY SHIPPING.

Sailed from Stromness.
May 20. Robert and Mary, of and for Stromaway, MacLennan, from Leith.
Remain in said harbour, May 24.
His Majesty's revenue cutter Offinburgh, Captain Kidd, and Princess Royal, Captain Brown, both on a cruise.
Friendship of Elgin, Lovey, from North Faro.
Dolly, of and from Liverpool, Fenart, for Lynn.
Friendship, of and from Lancaster, Hardbert, for Hull.
Betty and Margaret, of and from ditto, Towers, for ditto.
Thomas of Maryport, Barton, from Whitehaven, for ditto.
William, of and from Lancaster, Dewar, for ditto.
Duke, of and from ditto, Flontar, for Newcastle.
Ruby, of and from Stromaway, Macleod, for Leith.
May, of and from Oban, McKenzie, for Perth.
Mary of Liverpool, Smithson, for Elsinore.

GREENOCK SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.
May 31. John and Robert, Mains, from Dumfries, with meal.
June 1. Venus, Harris, from ditto, with goods.
Janet, Maclean, from Eldale, with slates.
Kames, Stewart, from ditto, with ditto.
2. Expedition, Johnstone, from the Highlands, with barks.
Margaret, Dickson, from Kircudbright, with meal.
Mary, McIntyre, from Oban, with barks.
Janet, Clouston, from London, in ballast.

SAILED.
May 31. Betty, Kerr, for Liverpool, with goods.
June 1. Amelia, Johnston, for Dublin, with ditto.
Two Friends, —, for Belfast, with ditto.

SEALOCK SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.
June 3. Active, Jamieson, from Borrowstounness, for Glasgow, sundries.
Peggy, Alexander, from Alloa, with tyles.
Leith Packet, Ford, from Leith, with grain.
SAILED.
Williams, Feathers, for St David's, in ballast.
Dispatch, Burgess, for Borrowstounness, ditto.
John and Esther, Norrey, for Alloa, ditto.
Nelly, Bapoch, and Isabel and Christian, ditto.

SHIRE OF EDINBURGH.

THERE is to be held, a General Meeting of the Commissioners of Supply, and Trustees for the Turnpike-roads of the shire of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 14th day of June instant, at twelve o'clock mid-day, within the Inner Session-house, Edinburgh. And, as the gentlemen who lodged their names at the Sheriff-clerk's Office as intended to be added to the nomination of Commissioners of Supply for the said shire are now included in the nomination lately received, this notice is therefore given to them, that such of them as intend to act as Commissioners of Supply for said shire may attend the above General Meeting, in order to qualify themselves for acting, by taking the oaths to Government.

At the same time and place, there will be a Meeting of the Trustees for putting in execution the Turnpike-Acts for the shire of Edinburgh, at which Meeting the following Tolls and Duties are to be set in tack, by way of public roup, viz. the Tolls and Duties payable to the Trustees of the post-road district, and collected at Abbey Hill or Jock's Lodge, for one year from and after the 10th day of June instant; and the Tolls and Duties payable to the Trustees of Crumond District, and collected at the turnpike-gates and bars erected at Kirkbrachad, Broughton Loan, and North Leith, and the cross-bar erected near Stockbridge Mills, either jointly or separately, as shall appear most proper, and that for one year from and after the first day of July next.

N. B. The Justices of the Peace of the shire of Edinburgh at their Quarter Sessions are to meet the same time and place.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

SUCH of the Creditors of DAVID CAMPELL, late writer to the signet, as have not already produced their grounds of debts, and oaths upon the verity thereof, are requested, on or before the 1st of August next, to lodge the same in the hands of Mr. William Keith accountant in Edinburgh, sole arbiter named by the creditors for dividing the fund; or in the hands of Ludovick Grant junior, writer in Edinburgh; otherwise the arbiter will then proceed to divide the funds amongst such creditors as have produced their grounds of debt, and oaths upon the verity thereof:—Of which this public intimation is given, that none may pretend ignorance thereof.

Notice to Creditors.

THE Creditors of JAMES ROBERTSON and CO. and ALEXANDER ROBERTSON merchants in Portofy, are requested to give in to William Reid in Portofy, factor appointed by the Trustees for Mess. Robertson's Creditors, or to George Andrew writer in Edinburgh, exact notes of their debts, specifying in what manner the same are severally constituted; and those who are indebted to the estate of Mess. Robertson, are desired forthwith to pay what they respectively owe to Mr. Reid, who is authorized by the Trustees, to grant discharges thereof, as the Trustees and their factor will be under the necessity of proceeding in the way of legal diligence, against all such as neglect or delay to pay up their debts.

A deed of accession to Mess. Robertson's trust-disposition being now prepared, and duplicates of it lodged with Mr. Reid and Mr. Andrew, the creditors are requested, either by themselves or their doctrs, properly authorized, to subscribe this deed, in order that as soon as possible the necessary steps may be taken by the Trustees and their factor, for disposing of Mess. Robertson's subjects, recovering the debts due to them, and distributing the proceeds among their Creditors.
Not to be repeated.

HOUSES TO BE LET.

And entered to immediately:
THREE genteel LODGINGS to the street, in Campbell's Land, Canongate, opposite to Lady Milton's Lodging, all well lighted; with or without Coach-houses and Stables.
Apply to Messrs William Hamilton and Son, upholsterers, Canongate, or Mr. John Rofe grocer, a little below the entry to Campbell's Land, who will direct to the lodgings, and inform as to particulars.
N. B. The above Lodgings, and another in same land, to be SOLD on reasonable terms.

SEAMEN WANTED.



THE LIVELY Privateer, WILLIS MACHELL Commander, mounting 22 carriage guns; and the LEVERET Privateer, J. Dickson Commander, mounting 12 guns, are now in LEITH ROAD, and will be ready to proceed on a cruise against the enemies of Great Britain in a very short time.

The Lively is a most capital ship; and during her last cruise sent three rich American prizes into Leith.—Her consort the Leveret is known to be one of the swiftest cruisers in Europe.

A few able and ordinary Seamen are wanted immediately for these vessels, and great encouragement is given by the Captains on board, and Messrs Ramsey, Williamson, and Co. Leith.

A number of births for Petty-Officers are vacant, and will be filled with such Seamen as are best qualified.

A SURGEON is also wanted.

ABBAY-HILL TOLL TO BE LET.

A TACK of the TOLLS and CUSTOMS collected on the post-road at the Abbey-hill, for one year from and after the twentieth day of June instant, is to be exposed to public roup, before the Trustees for the Turnpike Roads of the county of Edinburgh, at their general meeting to be held within the Parliament House, on Wednesday the 14th day of June instant, at twelve o'clock noon.
The articles of roup will be seen in the hands of George Zeigler, at the Sheriff Clerk's office.

JUDICIAL SALE.

By authority of the Court of Session,
THERE is to be exposed to sale, by public roup, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Tuesday the 9th day of July 1782, betwixt the hours of three and five afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

The FOLLOWING SUBJECTS, which belonged to WILLIAM TAYLOR, late Writer in Edinburgh,

I. The TOWN and LANDS OF SOUTHFOOD, alias SOUTH-FIELD, and whole pertinents thereof, lying within the parish and regality of Dunfermline, and heriots of Fife.

These Lands hold of the Crown. The free yearly rent of the stock, after all deductions, is proven to be
1. 252 5 5 6-12ths.
Exclusive of the lime-quarry, which is proven to be worth yearly rent,
2 5 6 1-12th.

And the proven free teind of these lands is
1. 264 10 11 7-12ths.

The proven value of the free stock of these lands, exclusive of lime-quarry, is twenty-five years purchase;—of the quarry, eight years purchase; and of the free teind, five years purchase;—extending the total value and upset price of these lands of Southfood and pertinents to 6398 l. 3 s. 11 d. 11-12ths Sterling.

II. The SUPERIORITY of the KIRKLANDS of COUPAR, and others, lying within the parish of Coupar, and shire of Fife, holding blench of the Crown. The annual feu-duty payable out of these lands to the superior is two-pence Sterling, the double thereof at the entry of each heir, and 20 l. Sterling at the entry of each singular successor.—The valued rent of these lands is 264 l. Scots, and the proven value and upset price of the superiority 70 l. Sterling.

N. B. This Superiority, along with the lands of Southfood, make up a qualification to vote for a member of Parliament for the county of Fife.

III. The Lands of ETTRICKHOUSE or ETTRICKHALL, with the teinds and whole pertinents, lying within the parish of Ettrick and heriots of Selkirk, holding of the Crown.

The proven free yearly rent of these lands, stock and teind, is 136 l. 15 s. 6 d. 10-12ths Sterling; and the proven value thereof 2100 l. Sterling, at which they are to be exposed.

IV. THAT INCLOSURE consisting of fifteen acres, and six fells of ground in the fields of Inveresk, commonly called the Wester Fore-Brae, with the teind-heaves and pertinents of the same, lying within the parish of Inveresk, and heriots of Edinburgh, holding feu of the Duke of Buccleugh, for payment of 2 l. 4 s. Scots of feu-duty. The proven free rent of which lands, stock and teind, is 30 l. 17 s. 7 d. 3-12ths Sterling; and the proven value thereof at twenty-four years purchase, extends to 741 l. 3 s. 6 d. Sterling.

V. THAT LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE in the city of Edinburgh, being the top-storey of the large stone tenement upon the north side of the High Street of Edinburgh, and fronting the same, entering by the scale stairs in the head of Craig's Close, with the whole garrets, cellars, and others thereto belonging, holding burrage, presently possessed by Mr. Thomson grocer. The proven yearly rent whereof is 30 l. Sterling, valued at 170 l. Sterling, at which price the same is to be set up.

The articles of roup, &c. will be seen in the hands of Mr. Alexander Rofs deputy clerk of Session.

SALE OF LANDS IN STIRLINGSHIRE, AND HOUSE IN EDINBURGH.

TO BE SOLD by voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Monday the 8th of July next, between the hours of five and six afternoon, in the following Lots, &c.

LOT I.
THE LANDS of WOODSIDE, and Part of the Barony of TORWOODHEAD, lying south and east of the Torwood, as described in the title-deeds, with the teinds, parage and vicarage thereof; with the mansion-house, called Dunsinnot, offices, garden, orchard, pigeon cote, and whole parts, paddles, and pertinents thereof. These lands are of a rich soil, low rented, and very improveable. The grounds around the house, consisting of about 150 acres (let from year to year for pasture) are all completely inclosed and subdivided, and the fences in good repair, and having been laid down rich, and lain long in grass, will produce heavy crops, and bring a high rent when broke up. There is coal on these lands, and a great deal of planting, consisting of oak, ash, elm, beech, and other forest trees, in the most thriving condition, part of which are full grown.

The mansion-house and offices are in good order, and fit to accommodate a large family. The garden, orchard, and pleasure ground, are all well stocked with the very best kinds of fruit-trees and flowering shrubs. The situation is pleasant and commodious, being near the great turnpike road leading from Edinburgh to Stirling, within three miles of the river Forth, the like distance from Falkirk, and two miles from the Great Canal and harbour of Carron Shore, and commanding a most extensive prospect of that rich and highly cultivated country lying on both sides of the Forth. These lands hold partly of the Crown, and entitle the proprietor to a freehold qualification, and partly of subjects superior, for payment of small feu-duties. The free rent, after all deductions, is 408 l. 12 s. 1 d. 10 d.

LOT II. The Lands and Barony of PLEAN, as described in the title-deeds, lying north of the Torwood, on both sides the turnpike road, with the teinds and pertinents.

These lands are extensive, and partly inclosed with stone-dykes, hedges, and stripes of planting, and very improveable. They abound in coal, lime, iron, and free stone. They march with the lands of Bannockburn on the west, and on boring, the same seam of coal that is now wrought on the Bannockburn estate, has been discovered in this, twenty fathoms below the surface. This coal is four feet thick, and of an excellent quality; and there is a second seam below that, not so thick.

About the middle of the estate are two seams of coal of the same thickness, the crop of the upper one having been wrought 15 fathoms below the surface; and as the ground declines to the east, it will be easy to drain this coal.

There are two oak coppice woods on this estate, of considerable extent, besides a good deal of planted trees, all completely inclosed with stone dykes to high as to defend from sheep. And as these woods are now ready for cutting, they will be sold this season. These lands afford two freehold qualifications. They will be exposed together, or in two divisions, as separated by the turnpike road, as purchaser shall incline. The free rent, after all deductions, is 468 l. 15 s. 4 d.; but considerable rises of rent are stipulated by the current tacks for crop 1783, and after crops.

The whole tenants of this estate pay their rent regularly; and very considerable rises will be got on the expiry of the current tacks.

LOT III. That Large LODGING on the west side of New-Great Canongate, presently possessed by Captain Church-hill, with the back ground thereto belonging, with a servitude on the area to the east of said street, that nothing shall be erected thereon beyond the height of the present parapet wall. This tenement was lately built and finished in the most substantial manner.

The progress of writs, conditions of sale, rentals, tacks, &c. are in the hands of James Stormonth writer in Edinburgh; and copies of the rentals &c. are in the hands of James Henderson writer in Falkirk; to either of whom any person inclining a private bargain of any part of the subjects, may apply.

The gardener at Dunfermline will show the grounds.

AN EXECUTIONER WANTED.

THE Office of EXECUTIONER for the Burgh of JEDBURGH being presently vacant, and the Magistrates of that burgh considering it necessary to have that office filled up, give this public notice, That any person inclining to accept thereof, may apply to the Town-clerk of the burgh, betwixt and the 20th of June current, who will make them acquainted with the salary, and emoluments belonging thereto, which are pretty considerable.

To be SOLD, by public voluntary roup and sale, within the house of Patrick Kellie Witherin in Creetoun, on Friday the 21st day of June inst. between the hours of twelve and two afternoon,

ALL and Whole the Lands of CRAIGNOOK, lying in the parish of Kirkcubreck, and stewartry of Kirkcubright. These lands consist of 256 acres or thereby, whereof there are about 50 acres of good arable and meadow land; the rest is chiefly hilly, and good sheep-pasture. The old rent, for many years, was 20 l. 16 s. 10 d.—the present free rent is 25 l. Sterling.

The articles of roup will be seen in the hands of Robert Ferguson writer in Wigton, and the progress of writs in the hands of Alexander Abercrombie writer to the signet. James Macburnie tenant in Cull, near Creetoun, will show the lands.

N. B. For the encouragement of purchasers, the upset price will be 400 l. Sterling.

ESTATE IN BERWICKSHIRE TO BE SOLD.

TO BE SOLD, by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 8th of August next, at six in the afternoon,

The Lands and Barony of LONGFORMACUS, with the teinds of the same, and patronage of the parish of Longformacus; also, the Lands of DRONSHIEL, all lying in the parish of Longformacus, and shire of Berwick; the yearly rent whereof is about 420 l. Sterling.

There is a handsome modern mansion-house on the estate, with suitable office-houses, and a considerable quantity of natural wood, planting, and policy, in a thriving condition, and the tenants houses in good repair. The estate consists of about 1800 Scots acres, very improveable, within six measured miles of Dunfermline, and well situated for sport of all kinds. The barony holds blench of the Crown, and entitles the proprietor to vote in the election of a member of Parliament. The Lands of Dronshiel hold blench of a subject.

The title-deeds, which are clear, with a judicial rental, and a plan of the estate, with the articles of roup, may be seen in the hands of Alexander Mackenzie writer to the signet.

Thomas Dunn, grieve at Rathail, will show the ground, mansion-house, &c.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC ROUNP.

Within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, upon the 23th day of July 1782, at five o'clock afternoon.

THE whole Lands and Barony of FETTER.

CAIRN and others, lying within the parishes of Fettercairn and Fordoun, and county of Kincardine, which belonged to the late Lady Diana Middleton of Seston. The free rent of this estate, after deduction of public burdens, is 394 bolls meal, 74 bolls 3 firlets bear, and 45 l. 12 s. Sterling in money. The lands and barony of Fettercairn, Crimmon, Goffie, &c. hold of the Crown, the valued rent being 1964 l. Scots, which may be easily split into above four votes or freeholds.

Most of the farms on the estate are set in tack to good tenants, and a great part of them enclosed with hedge and ditch, which the tenants, by their tacks, are obliged to keep in good order. There is a good free-stone quarry in the heart of the estate, and an excellent lime quarry wrought upon it, from which the tenants are abundantly supplied with lime for manure; unwrought limestone also appears in several other parts of the lands.

The grounds are watered by many streams running through them, and have abundance of firing from the inexhaustible moorlands upon the estate. The hill farms have most extensive pasture for black cattle and sheep, and those below are close rich corn fields, of excellent and grateful soil, and well drained by ditches lately cut for that purpose. If a purchaser inclines, he may immediately inclose and plant above 120 acres of moor-ground of Fettercairn, which lie at present uncultivated, and on which none of the tenants have any servitude or right of pasturage.

The mansion-house of Fettercairn is an old building, pleasantly situated in the middle of the estate, about two miles south of the Grampian hills, which abound with all manner of game. The proprietors have not resided on the estate for many years past; the house, however, in the roof, walls, and windows, has been kept in constant repair, so that it is capable of being fitted up for a gentleman's residence. The garden consists of about two acres of ground, inclosed with a good wall, and is well stored with fruit-trees. There is about 23 acres of well-grown and fenced planting near the house, of fir, ash, and beech, from 25 to 30 years old. If the proprietor should chuse to reside at the house of Fettercairn, which, for the use of keeping constant fires in it, is at present possessed by the gardener, he has open for his natural possession the garden and about eight acres, set to the gardener only from year to year; and he may also have 22 acres of excellent inclosed ground in the field called The Callender, adjoining to the house, upon giving a years warning to the present tenants.

The house of Fettercairn lies about eight miles from the two market towns of Montrose and Brechin, and the roads are remarkably good.

The rental of the lands, progress of the title-deeds, and conditions of sale, may be seen in the hands of William Tytler writer to the signet in Edinburgh, Dr. William Thomson advocate in Aberdeen, and Professor Thomas Gordon, of the King's College, Aberdeen; and the tenants will show the grounds.

JUDICIAL SALE—BY ADJOURNMENT.

THERE is to be Sold, by authority of the Court of Session, upon the 14th of July 1782, betwixt the hours of four and eight afternoon, in the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, before the Lord Ordinary on the Bills,

The Remaining SUBJECTS belonging to GEORGE CURRIE of Pittencrieff, as more fully described in former advertisements, consisting of—

LOT I.—The Lands of HUSCAR, CLUNE, and GOWRIE, (formerly of the coalieries and iron-stone), and also about sixty acres of thriving plantations, eighteen years old, and a parcel of grown wood hedge-rows. This lot is also to contain about ninety-three acres of the lands of Pittencrieff.

LOT II.—The Lands and Barony of PITTENCRIEFF, other than these ninety-three acres, with the consular and baillie house, and area in the abbey of Dunfermline, ground for sewing, and wood, under a reversion of the coal and iron-stone in these lands.

LOT III.—The whole COAL and IRON-STONE under the lands contained in the above two lots (under the exceptions and with the privileges mentioned in former advertisements). With this lot there will be also exposed the Harbour of Breughaven, Coal-fills, Warehouses, &c.; and, for the convenience of the purchaser, the Farm of Wether, Relfy, with the Tacks of the Lands of Windyshaw, and Minister of Inverkeithing's Glebe, which several lands are adjacent to the coalieries.

LOT IV.—The elegant and commodious MANSION-HOUSE of HERMITAGE, and offices, gardens, timber, &c. and two small inclosed farms; also several other parts of the lands of Hermitage, in separate lots.

LOT V.—A TACK of the Farms of HILTOUN, in the barony of Rosyth and county of Fife, for twenty-six years after Martinmas 1784.

LOT VI.—A TACK of the Lands of BANTASKINE, in the shire of which there are ten years to run after Martinmas 1784.

A more accurate description of these subjects will be found in former advertisements, particularly in this paper of the 14th of July last, in the Mercury of the same date, and in the Advertiser of the 6th July inst. The upset prices shall be inserted in subsequent advertisements. Such, however, as will in due time be informed of purchasers, will please apply to William Anderson clerk to the signet, in whose hands, or at the office of Mr. John Callender deputy clerk of session, the articles of sale, title-deeds, rentals, and plans of the estates, will be seen.

Adam Paterson, over the door of the estate at Dunfermline, will show the premises in Fife, and Adam Mackenzie, gardener on the south side of Leith Links, those at Hermitage.